2002 Application Information
Community Involvement in Education Awards
sponsored by
Iowa Department of Education
Iowa Community Education Association

The Iowa Department of Education and the Iowa Community Education Association have long been advocates of involvement of the community in the educational process. Educators across the country are now recognizing the enormous contribution that community involvement makes in reaching levels of excellence in education, lifelong learning and community betterment projects. The Community Involvement in Education Awards Program has been established to recognize outstanding programs of community coordination and cooperation with schools throughout the state.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Projects eligible for these awards are defined as any organized effort to utilize community involvement with schools to improve the quality of education and/or general quality of life in the community. Projects should reflect broad citizen participation, support, and planning. Projects which span more than one year will be considered, but nominees will be examined most closely for accomplishments made during the 2000-2001, or 2001-2002 school years.

Projects may be community-wide or focus on individual schools or areas. Examples of types of projects that could be nominated include the following: school-community partnerships, volunteer programs, interagency cooperation projects, community use of public school facilities models, and human resource development programs.

THE CONFERENCE

The Iowa Community Education Association will highlight the award-winning projects at its annual conference in Marshalltown on October 22 & 23. Each winning project will receive recognition at the awards luncheon. Recipients of awards will be given the opportunity to briefly highlight their project with educators from all over the state. Recipients may also consider setting up a display or provide handouts in the booth area.

Every program nominated for consideration for the awards will be featured in a publication produced by the Department of Education and the Iowa Community Education Association. This publication will contain descriptions of nominated programs along with the name and address of a person to contact for more information. This resource directory will help Iowa communities establish a network to support community involvement with the schools.

THE REVIEW PROCESS

When you nominate the community involvement program that you feel merits recognition for improving the quality of life or education in your area, it will be reviewed by a panel of persons with expertise in the area of community coordination and cooperation with the schools. These panel members will be drawn from statewide organizations of education and community members.

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

All entrants will receive the directory of projects considered for the Community Involvement in Education Awards. This directory will give a brief sketch of the project and the name, address, and phone of a contact person for every program entered. In addition to this information, whether you are an award winner or not, your project will receive statewide exposure.

Every entrant will receive a Fall 2002 Iowa Community Education Association Conference brochure, and be most welcome in Marshalltown, October 22-23, 2002.

Award winners will receive:

* Media recognition in your community or area for your project;

* Highlight your successful project with others;

* Receive state-wide recognition;

* Learn "what's going on" in other communities;

* ONE free conference registration for ONE INDIVIDUAL from your school or community.

* THREE additional luncheon tickets for the awards ceremony.

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1. Project Title   _____

2. School District and Community(ies)   _____

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3. Contact person (name, address, and telephone number)

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4. Local media contact (name of person, newspaper, address)

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5. Attach a BRIEF program description (do not exceed 600 words).
   Note: Project descriptions should address, but not be limited to, the following issues:
   a. objectives of the program;
   b. groups or organizations involved in the projects;
   c. start date of project (and completion date, if applicable);
   d. target audience(s) served;
   e. resources used to implement the project;
   f. results accomplished by project;
   g. future plans for this project (if applicable).

6. The descriptions will be judged on the basis of the criteria of
   INVOLVEMENT, RESULTS, APPROACH:
   a. the levels of community <u>involvement</u> in planning and/or implementing the project;
   b. the significance of the <u>results</u> or accomplishments of this project;
   c. the elements of creativity or innovation in the <u>approach</u> or satisfy local need.

<u>IMPORTANT: COMPLETE THE BACK SIDE OF THIS FORM</u>

If this project is selected to receive an award, I agree to send at least one representative to present our award model at the Iowa Community Education Association Conference in Marshalltown on October 22 & 23. I understand that the Iowa Community Education Association will provide ONE FREE REGISTRATION to the Conference (includes meals and planned social functions, does not include lodging) for ONE INDIVIDUAL from either the community or school receiving the award and THREE additional awards ceremony tickets. I also understand that this presentation includes participation in a discussion group surrounding our community involvement project and providing an optional display area.

_____   _____
Signature of Superintendent or Mayor Required   Date

7. Please use the space below to provide an abstract describing your project which can be published in the <u>Iowa Community Involvement in Education Awards Directory</u>. (DO NOT EXCEED 50 WORDS)

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Mail by May 15, 2002, to:
Roger Fuerstenberg, Chair
Community Involvement in Education Awards Program
Davenport Community Education Office
1002 West Kimberly Road
Davenport, IA   52806

<u>MUST BE POSTMARKED BY May 15, 2002</u>